

BEACON MONITOR OPERATIONS

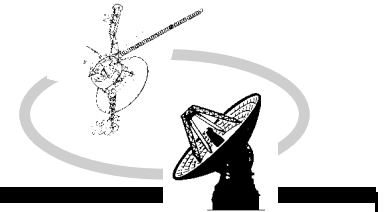
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Beacon Monitor Flight Software Task



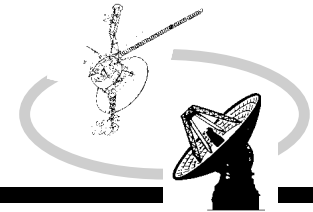
Overall Objective

Reduce the cost of long duration cruise missions and decrease the loading on DSN antennas by creating a new approach to operations that reduces frequency of contact and volume of downlinked engineering telemetry.

| <u>Goals</u> | <u>Significance</u> |
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| #1: Develop a low cost end-to-end tone monitoring system and flight demonstrate it on the Deep Space One mission | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The tone monitoring system enables the NASA vision of “darkening the skies” with small spacecraft. Implementing beacon operations can also save upwards of \$3M/yr on planned missions to Europa and Pluto |
| #2: Develop end-to-end software for onboard data summarization and demonstrate it on the Deep Space One mission | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Onboard summarization is necessary when the frequency of tracking is reduced and to reduce the time required to handle and analyze engineering telemetry |
| #3: Coordinate development of a baseline operational concept for future missions and perform key flight-ground trades to determine cost benefit of implementing a tone service within the DSN given the ops constraints of small spacecraft. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investigations into creative operational approaches (shared and on-demand operations) is necessary and will be demonstrated through dedicated time during DS1 operations |

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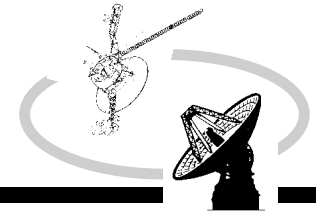
Products and Customers



| <i>Product</i> | <i>User/Customer</i> | <i>Development Phase</i> | | | | <i>Approach/Comments</i> |
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| | | Concept | Design | Demo | Transfer | |
| Tone Selection Flight SW | ↑ Deep Space One X2000 Program Ice & Fire Program (Pluto, Europa Missions) MIDEX clock proposal Applied Physics Lab U. Colorado Stanford SSDL ↓ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | All three items transferred to DS1 Beacon Monitor Operations Experiment. Concept, design, and some prototypes transferred to X2000 testbedding program. |
| Onboard Summarization Flt SW | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Ground System Software | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Flight Validation Experiments | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |
| Tone Detection Algorithm | | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | |

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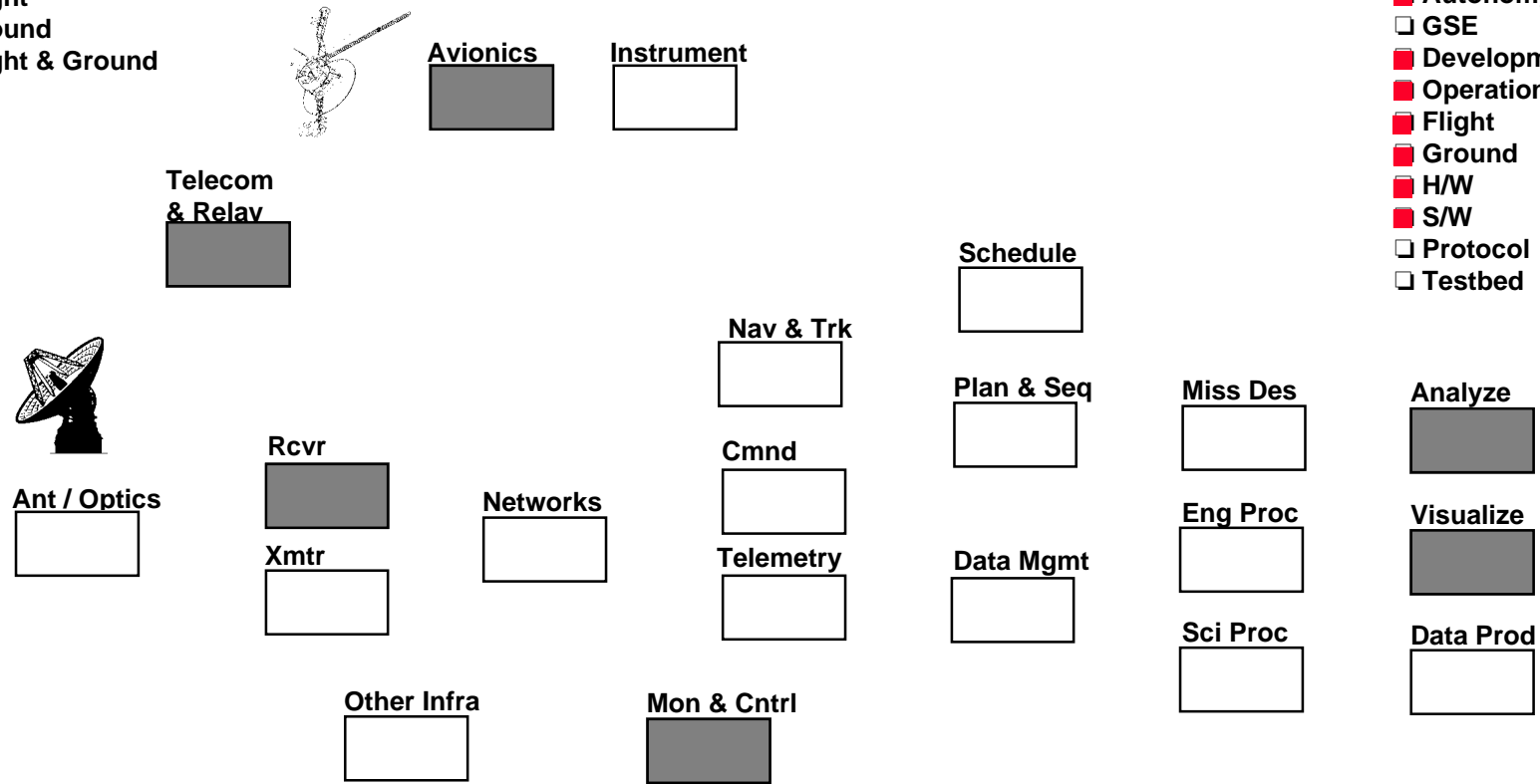
The "Big" Picture


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By filling boxes (using codes below), show graphically how your work area/unit fits into this high level view of the overall TMOD environment, name the elements of the end to end system you are working on and what layers in these functions you contribute to.

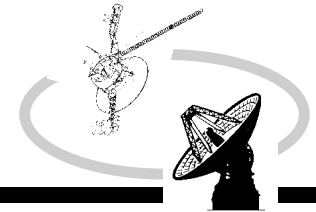
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- ☐ Flight & Ground


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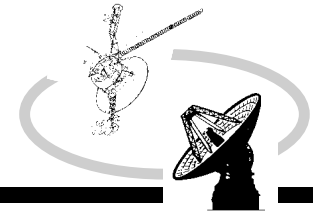
- ☒ Automation
- ☒ Autonomy
- ☐ GSE
- ☒ Development
- ☒ Operations
- ☒ Flight
- ☒ Ground
- ☒ H/W
- ☒ S/W
- ☐ Protocol
- ☐ Testbed

Beacon Monitor Operations Relevant Technical Skills

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| RELEVANT SKILLS | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| System Engineering | Tailor technology to mission (customer) needs, perform flight-ground and other trades, coordinate development of system components |
| Telecommunications | Perform telecom trades, design/develop tone system, develop a tone detection algorithm |
| Software Engineering | Develop flight software architecture(s), design ground system software |
| Artificial Intelligence | Develop advanced software for onboard health monitoring and engineering data summarization, integrate technology into flight software architecture |
| Mission Operations | Develop overall operational concept to meet mission requirements, develop ops procedures, estimate cost savings during operations, plan DS1 technology validation operations, conduct mission operations experiment on DS1 |

Beacon Monitor Operations FY98 Q1 Accomplishments



- **Tone Detector**

Planned initial checkout activities for tone system by participating in DS1 project activities, evaluated ability to use beacon system on Mars'01lander, analyzed compatibility test data, coordinated with DST dev. efforts, reconfigured signal detection software to work with upgraded Full Spectrum Recorder (FSR)



- **Flight Software**

Completed development of several flight software modules to be used on DS1, made improvements to the software test plan, hired a software test engineer, secured an MOU to better assure flight software will be integrated pre-launch, participated in DS1 mission planning activities



- **Ground Software**

Made incremental improvements to the data visualization environment, began system engineering of tone notification system, began planning remaining builds



- **End-to-end Demo**

Improved the tone system and the data summarization demos, gave each several times (incl. demos to X2000, DS1, and HQ)



- **JPL Mission Customers**

DS1 - developed an ops concept for using beacon system as a mid-week strategy
X2000 & Ice & Fire - coordinated with development planning activities
Champion - received assurances that the technology is baselined
MIDEX Clock proposal - will be incorporated into operational concept



- **Tech Transfer**

APL has expressed an interest in receiving the technology and providing additional an additional tone detection site during the DS1 experiment

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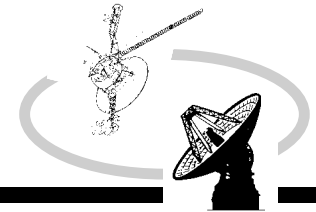
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Beacon Monitor Operations Schedule


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